

## House Resolution 1416

By: Representatives Keen of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>, and Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the staff of *Lawmakers* on the occasion of their 40th season  
2 and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1971, Georgia Educational Television began *Lawmakers*, a live, nightly  
4 broadcast produced during the legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly that  
5 provides in-depth coverage of events and up-to-date information on the issues affecting  
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, *Lawmakers* has covered events under the Gold Dome through the  
8 administrations of six Georgia governors and is the longest-running television program of  
9 its type in public broadcasting history, receiving numerous prestigious broadcast awards,  
10 such as the Telly Award, the Green Eyeshade Award, and the Gabby Award; and

11 WHEREAS, since 1977, the program has provided unique opportunities and valuable  
12 hands-on experience to over 300 interns and production assistants, including reporting,  
13 running cameras, tape editing, and floor directing; and

14 WHEREAS, the show's current team includes managing editor Ashlie Wilson, senior  
15 correspondents Nwandi Lawson and Susan Hoffman, producer Sammy Jones, director Dan  
16 Hodlick, reporter Valarie Edwards, videographers Mitchell Zastrow and Wesley Nichols,  
17 assistant director Jose Avila-Kelly, Senate director Kyle Hood, technical director Hampton  
18 Kicklighter, lighting director Daryl Wattley, the multi-talented Jan Doles, and a team of  
19 capable production assistants in addition to many others at Georgia Public Broadcasting; and

20 WHEREAS, as 2010 marks the 40th season that this distinguished program has been  
21 providing quality comprehensive coverage of the Georgia legislative session, it is only fitting  
22 that its years of broadcast excellence be appropriately recognized on this grand occasion.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend the dedicated staff of Georgia Public Broadcasting's  
25 *Lawmakers* for their service to the citizens of the State of Georgia, congratulate them on their  
26 40th season, and invite them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and  
27 time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the staff of Georgia Public  
30 Broadcasting's *Lawmakers*.